From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Dec 9 21:49:07 1994
Date: Fri, 9 Dec 1994 17:12:42 -0800
Message-Id: <199412100112.RAA15951@ix2.ix.netcom.com>
From: jlockwd@ix.netcom.com (Jim Lockwood)
Subject: a modest suggestion.....

Gentlepeople,

I've noticed recently some very large postings of considerable interest to some of us who collect boatanchor radios. IMHO, it would make a lot of sense to announce on this forum that such informational messages are available and to then send them only to those who specifically request copies.

Why does this make sense? Good question. Lemme explain.

In a nutshell, large messages take non-trivial amounts of time to come streaming in and there may be some on this alias who (a) may not be interested in the information content (b)may be reading boatanchors through a modem line and (c) may be unable to selectively reject inbound messages. This situation is even worse for those who are reading boatanchors in digest form and who must take the entire daily accumulation at one, non-interruptible gulp.

So, in summary, my suggestion is to continue to share the results of research work or whatever you have that pertains to old radios, but do it in such a way that maximizes the use of the available bandwidth.

73,

Jim Lockwood - km6nk,
boatanchors curmudgeon, emeritus

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Dec 9 15:54:08 1994
From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
Message-Id: <9412091942.AA116296@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>
Subject: Boatanchor Catches Ship Distress Traffic
Date: Fri, 9 Dec 94 14:42:01 EST

Fellow Boatanchorites:

I had the good fortune, last night to be able to monitor some real distress traffic on the boatanchor regenerative MF shipboard radio receiver (Federal [MacKay] 128AY [USCG RC-123]).

There was a Russian M/V Salvador Allende/UWAG that sent out
a distress call on 600 meters (500khz) about 0300UTC 09DEC94.
He was located about 1000 nm east of New York City, and about
300nm SSE of Cape Race, N.S. (If anyone is interested I can
post a lengthy bit of information about it - about 400 lines -
I don't know if it sank or not, yet, but they found the crew
apparently OK).

During the 7 hours that I monitored the action, I had the 128AY
and a Kenwood TS-140S attached to a common antenna (a 100' Marconi)
and had a tape deck rolling in the background. The QTH (Raleigh,
NC was about 1200-1500 mi SW of the distressed vessel.

When comparing the Kenwood with the old regenerative Boatanchor,
the two were absolutely identical in what they could hear on 600
meters in my hands, by ear. The ONLY thing the modern rig had
going for it was the noise blanking (a local touch lamp somewhere
in the neighborhood gave the ol' regen fits when it came on a
couple of times). In all other respects, including selectivity,
they were essencially identical.

>From the NC QTH stations heard were:

KFS San Francisco	QSA 2
VCS Halifax, N.S.	QSA 3
WCC Cape Cod	QSA 5
WNU Slidell, LA	QSA 5
WLO Mobile	QSA 5
CLK (Cuba?)	QSA 5
ZBM (Bermuda?)	QSA 3

Assorted Ship Stations in the area of the distressed vessel were QSA 1.

Assorted Ship Stations off the local East Coast were QSA 2 to QSA 5.

So..... What is the bottom line?

NEWSFLASH: BOATANCHORS STILL HOLD THEIR OWN AGAINST ``MODERN'' RIGS.

(But, we all knew that, right.....! (:+}}.....)

(Really, it did surprise me that the ol' boatanchor would hold up so well.)

73
Bob
NA4G

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*  73 TU SU VA DE NA4G            ``Boat Anchor Bob'', an ol' CW fart.  *
***********************************************************************
*  Morse has been in the family for over 100 years.                    *
*  Morse radiotelegraphy (Spark/CW) has been in the family since 1914.   *
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*  May you have fair winds and following seas on your watch at the key.  *
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From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Dec 9 15:14:24 1994
From: maildrop@csemail (S.A. Modena maildrop)
Message-Id: <9412091844.AA116195@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>
Subject: Farmer exposed to Carbon Tet in Fire Extinguisher (fwd)
Date: Fri, 9 Dec 94 13:44:16 EST

Someone mentioned carbon tetrachloride extinguihers...and their "phosgene" hazard aspect. [I used to work in a lab where we used phosgene as an intermediate in chemical processes...and got gassed badly a couple of times: THINK SAFETY!]

Back to carbon tet extinguishers in the boatanchors shack: just picked this posting up off another list. Careful, folks: you don't want to use a carbon tet extinguisher in your shack...not just from the flame-induced phosgene, but because....

> Message forwarded from Occupational & Environmental
> Medicine List at Duke University, owner: Gary Greenberg.
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> To: OCC-ENV-MED-L
> Subject: Carbon Tet & Fire Extinguishers
> Date: Thursday, December 08, 1994 8:09PM
> From: Allan Schramm <SCHRAMAN@SNYONEVA.CC.ONEONTA.EDU>
> ---
> I work with farmers. We recently had a farmer who tipped over an "old"
> fire extinguisher that contained carbon tet. He cleaned it up but is
> in the hospital
> with serious liver and kidney damage. There are 8-10 more of these fire
> extinguishers on the farm premises. At this time I don't know the brand,
> date
> of production, etc... We will be going out to get info.
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> At this time I'm looking for information re: how (& who) to remove the
> remaining extinguishers and an idea of how prevalent these babies are in
> farms
> or elsewhere. We have heard that these are COLLECTED and go for $80-100 a
> piece! Loaded or not we don't know.

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73/Steve/AB4EL ab4el@Cybernetics.NET

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Dec 9 22:05:42 1994
Date: Fri, 9 Dec 1994 21:12:12 -0500 (EST)
From: "Roberta J. Barmore" <rbarmore@IndyNet.indy.net>
Subject: HRO-50T is *SOLD!*
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9412092044.A23552-0100000@IndyNet>

Hi, all!

Just a quick note; Tori (lately owner of the HRO) is sitting here in the office, and she informs she and the prospective buyer have come to terms; the HRO is sold. My thanks to everyone who expressed an interest; it's a fine radio!

...And on the subject of fine radios, I somehow seem to have a complete-but-dead SX-28 sitting on the kitchen table. I've got the owner's manual, but I need some information on the dial-cord the connects the bandswitch to the lamps behind the tuning dials; it's long gone, and looks pretty arcane. (Was there some sort of shutter in front of the lamp?)
The chassis is also a bit rough--rust and such. Any advice? I've never had to deal with anything a Scotch-brite pad couldn't clean up, and I 'spect this is past that point. (shudder) ...The front panel is really nice, it needs cleaned but the paint is good and *none* of the Bakelite bits are chipped! The chassis is a whole 'nuther tale; but it's all there and the cats seem to think it's unmoused.

73,
--Bobbi

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Dec 9 14:04:09 1994
Date: Fri, 9 Dec 1994 10:49:27 -0500 (EST)
From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>
Subject: Re: Mil List
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.941209104259.24958G-100000@access3.digex.net>

On Thu, 8 Dec 1994, Terry O'Laughlin wrote:

> I can't seem to stuff this list through the net. It's now a 54K file
> and will continue to grow. Anyone know the intricacies of Pegasus
> and/or the net? How can I distribute this thing without cutting off
> BAer's who don't have FTP access.

Terry,

Speaking for myself, if you start doing fancy stuff like Pegasus (whatever
the hell THAT is...), you'll lose some (I'd wager MOST) of the BA'ers and
we won't be able to get the list.

I vote for cutting it into multiple postings.

73,

Tony
K4KYO

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Dec 9 18:36:58 1994
Date: Fri, 9 Dec 1994 16:21:24 -0500 (EST)
From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>
Subject: Re: Mil List
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.941209161808.6087B-100000@access1.digex.net>

On Fri, 9 Dec 1994, Tony Stalls wrote:

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> the hell THAT is...), you'll lose some (I'd wager MOST) of the BA'ers and
> we won't be able to get the list.
>
> I vote for cutting it into multiple postings.

Someone was kind enough to explain to this "Newbie" what Pegasus is, but I
still think that cutting it up is preferable if there's anybody that might
be encumbered by a file size limit.

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Dec 9 17:37:03 1994
Message-Id: <9412092030.AA2611@hqsmtp.ops.3com.com>
From: Joe Reda/HQ/3Com <Joe_Reda@3mail.3com.com>
Date: 9 Dec 94 8:50:08 EDT
Subject: Re: Safety [was RE: Mildew Killing]

Without getting into a major flamefest here, I must say that I believe that
worrying about the effects of these chemicals, about solder, about EM fields,
and the like, is more destructive than the materials themselves. Our society
seems to have become convinced that ALL risk in daily life must be
eliminated -- by governmental force if necessary. Witness, for example,
the current hysteria over "second-hand smoke" (based on some of the

most faulty science I've ever had the misfortune to hear about). I don't concern
myself with tobacco smoke but I am (mildly) concerned about auto exhaust fumes and some of the chemical odors here at work.

It's good that people are concerned and advise us on the risks of chemicals and the like -- but at the end of the day, you know what the risks are and you judge whether to take them. I have found the best protection to be a heavy, heavy dose of good ol' common sense!

Happy Holidays,
Joe KC6TXU

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Dec 9 16:14:16 1994
Date: Sat, 10 Dec 94 02:30:31 +0900
From: okada@decst.nipr.ac.jp (Itaru Okada)
Message-Id: <9412091730.AA02736@decst.nipr.ac.jp>
Subject: subscribe

Hello, Add me your mailing list.
Thank you.

Itaru Okada
JF2NXS/N7UVV
okada@decst.nipr.ac.jp

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Dec 9 20:51:48 1994
Message-Id: <m0rGCD6-000040C@next3.acme.ist.ucf.edu>
Date: Fri, 9 Dec 94 15:46 EST
From: clarke@acme.ist.ucf.edu (Thomas Clarke)
Subject: SX24 Manual

Well, I took the plunge. I picked up a Hallicrafters SX-24.
Some rust on top and yellowed dials, but looks pretty good.
Real nostalgia. Crystal filter with phasing etc.

Anyone know where I can get a manual/schematic?

Thanks.

Tom Clarke

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Dec 9 16:54:40 1994
Message-Id: <9412092029.AA2579@hqsmtp.ops.3com.com>
From: Joe Reda/HQ/3Com <Joe_Reda@3mail.3com.com>
Date: 9 Dec 94 8:55:16 EDT
Subject: Re: Tube Trivia - I

Well, ol' Deane almost got it (difference between the 6T5 and the rest of the "eye" tubes), but what I was getting at was that all the others have a "bird's-eye" pattern when viewed, but the 6T5 has a "ring" pattern that shrinks or enlarges with AGC voltage. I had a Zenith radio once that used one; indeed, I've been told that Zenith was the principal maker and user of this tube, just as Silvertone had their preferred eye tube, the 6H5 (ever seen one of those)?

73, Joe KC6TXU